

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 18, 20 and 22-27 were examined in the Final Office Action mailed January 11, 2006, with claims 2-3, 9-17, 19 and 21 standing withdrawn pursuant to Election/Restriction Requirement.

The Applicants wish to express their appreciation for the courtesies extended in the Interview held on March 10, 2006. In accordance with the agreement reached in the Interview, the Applicants have amended the claims to replace “fixedly” with “continuously.” The amendments agreed to in the Interview are reflected in the above requested amendments. In addition, entry of amendments to address the pending claim objections and the § 112, second paragraph rejections is requested.

As discussed in Interview, the foregoing amendments’ recitation of a “continuously” connected motor distinguishes the pending claims over the WO 00/26559 reference (related to U.S. Patent No. 6,712,734 to Loeffler). Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending rejections based on Loeffler, is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants respectfully submit that upon entry of the requested amendments, the pending claims will be in condition for allowance. Entry of the amendments and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for claims 1, 4-5, 7-8, 18, 20 and 22-27 is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this response or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this

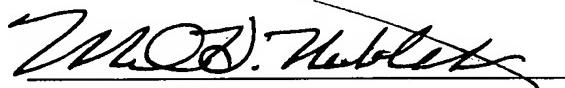
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should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 056208.53058US).

Respectfully submitted,

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